# Company clustering based on financial report data using k-means

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# **ABSTRACT**

Stock investment is the act of providing funds or assets to obtain future payments for gifts given. In its application, novice investors often make mistakes, one of which is not knowing the health condition of the company they want to target. By applying the machine learning clustering method based on company financial report data, it was found that 2 clusters were formed. This can show the current condition of the company so that it can be a consideration for investors, such as clusters of companies that have a profit trend that is always stable and increasing, or clusters of companies that are in the process of developing their business and groups of companies that have large amounts of debt from year to year.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Stock investment is the act of providing funds or assets to obtain future payments for the gifts that have been made [1]. This investment states that the individual or business entity that makes their investment will obtain partial ownership of the company. In practice, novice investors often make mistakes, including not doing enough research before buying shares, not having a strategy when investing, and not understanding the risks of investing in shares. Therefore, several things need to be considered when buying shares, namely conducting research about the company, understanding the company's financial reports, determining the objectives of investing, and risk tolerance [2], [3]. However, it is still very difficult for ordinary people to find out the current condition of a company if they only pay attention to the financial reports. With the help of a model, it will be easier to identify whether the company's condition is good or not.

Nowadays, technology is developing very quickly, one of which is the emergence of the concept of artificial intelligence (AI) [4]-[6]. The existence of artificial intelligence in the current era has provided many benefits in various fields. One form of utilizing AI is stock analysis, which is important in making decisions when making investments. Knowing the condition of a company using machine learning (ML) has been done by researchers before. AI has an impact on the financial sector, one of which is stock analysis, which is important in making decisions when making investments.[7]. The development of ML has made it easier to analyze data and identify patterns or trends that can be used to make investment decisions. Apart from that, the application of ML can be implemented in stock analysis to predict company performance. Stock analysis involves evaluating specific trading instruments, investment sectors or the market as a whole [2]. Fundamental

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analysis is a method often used in the stock analysis process, which determines the real or "fair market" value of shares by examining related economic and financial factors. This analysis considers the intrinsic value of an investment, which is based on the issuing company's finances and current market and economic conditions [3], [8]-[10].

Nowadays, technology is developing rapidly, one of which is the emergence of the concept of AI. The existence of AI in the current era has provided many benefits in various fields [11]. One of them is the use of the industrial and stock sectors. In some cases that have been applied, including decision making when making investments [12], [13], clusters of financial data and others. The cluster itself is a method that aims to identify the basic patterns or structures of data [14] one of the studies that has been carried out and developed to the stage of density-based clustering and ensemble data clustering [15].

The use of machine learning in clustering methods is very much in the industrial sector and other sectors. The research conducted is related to the analysis of hierarchical relationships and clustering that have occurred in the capital market over the past few years [16]. Apart from this, research shows the use of machine learning, namely the k-algorithm. Means has succeeded in helping the financial industry [17]. The use of the k-means clustering method is also supported for use as a clustering method based on a method review carried out by researchers from Australia [18]. In other studies, clusters have been conducted for the detection and optimization of financial data [19]. In other studies using k-means, it was also applied to cluster networks so that predictions could be made as a follow-up [20]. In addition, several further studies were also conducted related to the application of clustering such as for fraud detection clusters using k-means [21]. Build a clustering model for Heat Transfer Fluid control [22]. Cluster model for cancer disease experienced [23]. Build mode machine learning clustering for the basis of further research in terms of predicting stock prices [24]. Research to form clusters in terms of education [25]. There was also research conducted in 2018 to continue previous research to identify algorithm suitability to get better results than previous research [26].

The evaluation used to determine the optimal k value for the k-means model will be based on a silhouette score, as outlined in research conducted in 2020 by researchers from Baltimore [27]. In addition to the Baltimore study, there is also research conducted by Shutaywi [28]. Further studies have been conducted that are related to this area, including those that use the silhouette score to provide research recommendations for future studies [29]. These studies include research on assessing the quality of cluster results [27], building cluster models on existing data [30], clustering in the context of power generation capacity [31], finding the best cluster from high-level model clustering [32], and determining the optimal number of clusters [33], as well as identifying the best cluster with the formed number of clusters [34]. Based on this background and the related studies, this research will focus on clustering companies based on financial data reports published from 2018 to 2022 using the k-means method, aiming to identify the clusters formed and assess the condition of the companies based on the cluster analysis conducted. The remaining sections of this work are structured as follows: in section 2, we explain the formation of the dataset and the clustering method to produce the clusters that will be analyzed, in section 3 we explain the results of the analysis that has been carried out on the clusters that have been obtained using the method mentioned in the method, previously and provide conclusions on the research that has been carried out in section 4.

## 2. METHOD

In this research, the observations made were collecting data from the internet by collecting manually from several sources, either from the Indonesian Stock Exchange website or the company's website. After obtaining data from the company's financial reports, of course the data needs to be processed first before being used as a dataset for developing the Clustering model. Figure 1 shows the flow of data processing carried out in this research. The company's financial report data collected will be checked, where if it is less than 3 years then the data will not be used, while the available financial reports are the same or more than 3 years to 5 years then it will proceed to the data processing. Examples of financial reports from companies whose data will be used are in Figure 2.

From the financial report as in the picture above, several variables will be taken, namely debt ratio, profit, Book Value per Share (BVPS), and Earning per Share. Each variable selected is a variable that can indicate the quality of a company [35], [36]-[40]. Some of these parameters are not written in the financial statements so they need to be calculated first, including BVPS using (1).

$$BVPS = \frac{NE}{SB} \tag{1}$$

Where, BVPS is book value per share, NE is equity value, and SD is outstanding shares.

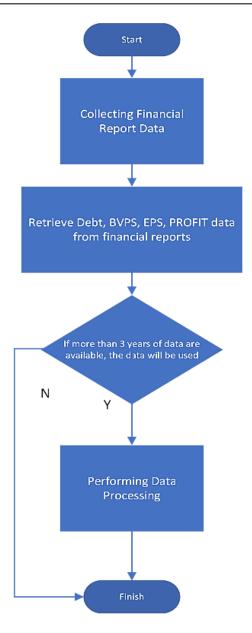


Figure 1. Data processing flow

In Table 1 is a data sample that has been calculated after collecting data manually. After data collection, the first selection was carried out by paying attention to companies that had available data from at least 2020 to 2022 and a maximum from 2018. After selecting the data, a total of 35 companies were obtained in the Consumer Industry sector. The process continues with data processing so that all financial report data has the same nominal units.

Table 1. Sample dataset

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	BVPS		EPS		Utang		Laba		
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	
GGRM	32.5	33.3	Rp. 2,913*	Rp. 1,445*	Rp. 30,676*	Rp. 30,706*	Rp. 5,605*	Rp. 277*	
HARTADINATA	10.9	83.7	Rp. 4,212*	Rp. 5,505*	Rp. 1,962*	Rp. 2,126*	Rp. 194*	Rp. 1,475*	
SAMPOERNA	88.3	95.4	Rp. 1,510*	Rp. 1,410*	Rp. 23,899*	Rp. 26,617*	Rp. 7,364*	Rp. 6,359*	
INDOFOOD	100.1	98.3	Rp. 873*	Rp. 724*	Rp. 92,285*	Rp. 86,810*	Rp. 11,965*	Rp. 1,969*	
KIMIAFARMA	76.8	59.5	Rp. 54*	Rp. 30*	Rp. 289*	Rp. 109*	Rp. 10,528*	Rp. 558*	
UNILEVER	88.3	95.4	Rp. 151*	Rp. 141*	Rp. 14,747*	Rp. 14,321*	Rp. 5,758*	Rp. 706*	

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FINANCIA	L HI	GHI	.IGH	ITS		
IKHTISAR KEU	<b>ANGA</b>	N				
In billions of Rupiah unless otherwise stated	2022	20215	2020 <sup>5</sup>	2019	2018	<b>Dalam miliar Rupia</b> kecuali dinyatakan lai
Net Sales	110.830,3	99.345,6	81.731,5	76.593,0	73.394,7	Penjualan Neto
Gross Profit	33.971,7	32.474,1	26.752,0	22.716,4	20.212,0	Laba Bruto
Income from Operations (EBIT)	19.693,1	16.914,8	12.889,1	9.831,0	9.143,0	Laba Usaha (EBIT
EBITDA	23.604,4	20.785,7	16.543,8	13.057,3	12.161,9	EBITDA
Income for the Year	9.192,6	11.229,7	8.752,1	5.902,7	4.961,9	Laba Tahun Berjalar
Attributable to:						Yang Dapat Diatribusikan Kepada
Equity Holders of the Parent Entity	6.359,1 2.833,5	7.662,3	6.455,6 2.296,4	4.908,2 994,6	4.166,1 795,8	Pemilik Entitas Induk
Non-Controlling Interests     Comprehensive Income for the Year	10.853,1	3.567,4 11.965.9	9.241.1	6.588,7	6.350.8	Kepentingan Nonpengendali
Attributable to:	10.853,1	11.965,9	9.241,1	6.588,/	6.350,8	Laba Komprehensif Tahun Berjalar
Equity Holders of the Parent Entity	7.710,5	8.416,8	6.966,1	5.485,2	5.324,4	Yang Dapat Diatribusikan Kepada Pemilik Entitas Induk
Non-Controlling Interests	3.142,6	3.549,2	2.275,0	1.103,5	1.026,4	Kepentingan Nonpengendali
Shares Outstanding (million)	8.780,4	8.780,4	8.780,4	8.780,4	8.780,4	Jumlah Saham yang Ditempatkan dar Disetor Penuh (juta
Basic Earnings Per Share Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent Entity (Rp) <sup>1</sup>	724	873	735	559	474	Laba Per Saham Dasar yang Dapa Diatribusikan Kepada Pemilii Entitas Induk (Rp)
Current Assets	54.876,7	54.183,4	38.418,2	31.403,4	33.272,6	Aset Lanca
Current Liabilities	30.725,9	40.403,4	27.975,9	24.686,9	31.204,1	Liabilitas Jangka Pendel
Net Working Capital	24.150,7	13.780,0	10.442,4	6.716,6	2.068,5	Modal Kerja Bersil
Total Assets	180.433,3	179.271,8	163.011,8	96.198,6	96.537,8	Total Ase
Capital Expenditures <sup>2</sup>	3.741,7	4.594,6	4.398,3	4.463,8	7.236,2	Pengeluaran Barang Modal
Total Equity <sup>3</sup>	93.623,0	86.986,5	79.654,0	54.202,5	49.916,8	Total Ekuitas
Non-Controlling Interests	39.779,2	38.450,8	36.878,2	16.424,5	16.302,5	Kepentingan Nonpengendal
Total Liabilities	86.810,3	92.285,3	83.357,8	41.996,1	46.621,0	Total Liabilita
Funded Debt	66.064,0	61.780,3	53.286,3	22.977,2	29.729,3	Pinjaman yang Dikenakan Bunga
Gross Profit Margin	30,7%	32,7%	32,7%	29,7%	27,5%	Marjin Laba Bruto
EBIT Margin	17,8%	17,0%	15,8%	12,8%	12,5%	Marjin Laba Usaha (EBIT
EBITDA Margin	21,3%	20,9%	20,2%	17,0%	16,6%	Marjin EBITDA
Net Income Margin Attributable to	5,7%	7,7%	7,9%	6,4%	5,7%	Marjin Laba Neto yang Dapa
Equity Holders of The Parent Entity						Diatribusikan Kepada Pemilil Entitas Indul
Return on Assets (%) - Net Income <sup>4</sup>	5,1	6,6	6,8	6,1	5,4	Imbal Hasil atas Aset (%) - Laba Neto
Return on Assets (%) - EBIT <sup>4</sup>	10,9	9,9	9,9	10,2	9,9	Imbal Hasil atas Aset (%) - Laba Usaha
Return on Equity (%)4	10,2	13,5	13,1	11,3	10,2	Imbal Hasil atas Ekuitas (%)
Current Ratio (x)	1,79	1,34	1,37	1,27	1,07	Rasio Lancar (x
Liabilities to Assets Ratio (x)	0,48	0,51	0,51	0,44	0,48	Rasio Liabilitas Terhadap Aset (x
Liabilities to Equity Ratio (x) <sup>3</sup>	0,93	1,06	1,05	0,77	0,93	Rasio Liabilitas Terhadap Ekuitas (x)
Gearing Ratio - Gross (x)3	0,71	0,71	0,67	0,42	0,60	Gearing Ratio - Gross (x)
		0.37	0.45	0.17	0.42	Gearing Ratio - Net (x)

Figure 2 Example financial statement

The research carried out was to create an appropriate model for clustering companies based on their performance. This research certainly requires data from financial reports. Apart from the variables from the financial report data, this research will use the architecture, namely k-means. The use of this architectural model is to get the best classification model results and find out which algorithm is more suitable to get a model with the best evaluation performance. Of course, there are several things that will be done as a general description of the design of the research that will be carried out. The design of the clustering model in Figure 3 for the company is based on the company's performance. In the process of creating a data model that has been formed, processing is carried out by entering the data pre-processing stage. At this stage, data processing is carried out starting from checking for null data contained in the data and continuing with data normalization by changing the scale of the data contained in the dataset used. The first thing to do is check for null values, which from the results shows in Table 2 that many columns have null values or "0" in them.

As in the image above, you can see that several columns have the status "true", which indicates that the column has a value of null or "0". After checking, continue with checking outlier values to determine the appropriate way to overcome "missing handling value". After checking for outliers, it was found that 7 variables had no outliers and 28 variables had outliers. After finding outliers, we proceed with handling missing values using 2 methods. The first way uses the average value to fill in the null value or "0", the second way uses the medium value to fill in the null value or "0". The next stage in data preprocessing is to carry out standard scaling using the "Standardscaler()" method.

After preprocessing the data, the data is continued with application using the k-means method. In its implementation, apart from using the simple k-means method, it is also combined with another method, namely using the silhouette score method. This method is used to determine the number of clusters to be formed and the application of the silhouette score to determine the optimal number of clusters to be formed. In the process,

we were given 10 cluster shape trials and obtained 2 clusters with the best silhouette value, namely 0.64 as in Table 3. After getting the optimal cluster, we continued with clustering data conversion to carry out persona analysis.

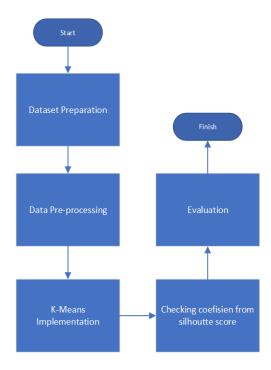


Figure 3. Implementation k-means

Table 2. Checking NULL value

Variable	Status
BVPS 2018	TRUE
EPS 2018	TRUE
DEBT 2018	TRUE
PROFIT 2018	TRUE
BVPS 2019	TRUE
EPS 2019	TRUE
DEBT 2019	TRUE
PROFIT 2019	TRUE
BVPS 2020	TRUE
EPS 2020	TRUE
DEBT 2020	FALSE
PROFIT 2020	FALSE
BVPS 2021	TRUE
EPS 2021	TRUE
DEBT 2021	FALSE
PROFIT 2021	FALSE
BVPS 2022	TRUE
EPS 2022	TRUE
DEBT 2022	<b>FALSE</b>
PROFIT 2022	FALSE

Table 3. Testing K value

K Value	Score
2	0.64
3	0.6
4	-0.32
5	-0.33
6	-0.27
7	-0.22
8	-0.38
9	-0.06

After getting results like the table above. Then proceed with calculating the number of companies in each cluster as well as a list of companies included in cluster 1 or 2. The results of this calculation show 29 companies in cluster 1 and 6 companies in cluster 2. After getting the clustering results, it will be continued with persona analysis of the results so that an explanation is obtained based on the results obtained.

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the persona analysis process, several analyzes are carried out on the dataset which has been divided into 2 clusters. The following is a list of companies based on clusters that have been formed from clustering modeling using k-means. Cluster 1 consists of Hartadinata, Mayora, Cimory, Charoen, Alfamart, Multi Bintang, Ultra Jaya, Japfa, Segar Kumala Supra Boga, Wicaksana, Millennium, Cleo, Delta, Akasha, Jobobu Jarum, Garuda, Siantar Top, Sari Roti, Tiga Rasa, Indo Boga, Mulia Boga, Sekar Laut, Wilmar, Budi Starch, BPS, Panca Multi Perdana, Sentra Food and Kino. Meanwhile, cluster 2 consists of Kimia Farma, Gudang Garam, Indofood, Unilever, Sampoerna, and Campina.

Several things were carried out aimed at finding out the purpose of forming a cluster group, including the changes in BVPS, EPS, Profit and Debt values that occur every year as well as the Profit to Debt values that are experienced every year. In experiments such as in Figures 4 and 5, it is known that the bvps owned by cluster 1 companies in a positive context is the same as cluster 2, only in Cluster 1 the bvps value is greater. Based on these first results, it is known that companies in cluster 1 provide greater profits and are more profitable than cluster 2 if they experience liquidity. Every year since 2018 the average bvps in cluster 1 companies has had a fairly stable value.

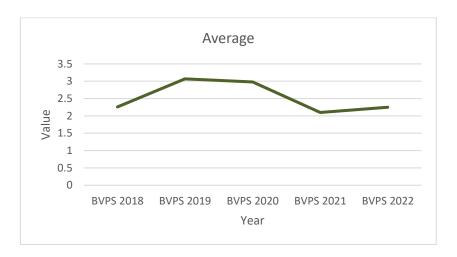


Figure 4. Average BVPS cluster 1

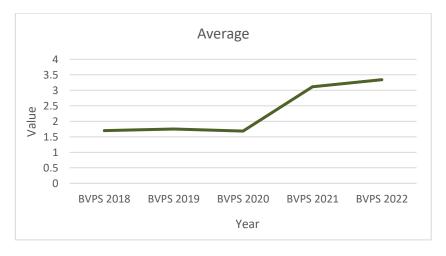


Figure 5. Average BVPS cluster 2

Meanwhile, the average byps in cluster 2 companies had a lower value from 2018 to 2020 and increased in 2021 and 2022. These results are shown in Figures 4 and 5. The increase experienced also shows that the byps value of companies in cluster 2 can be better than that in Cluster 1. This shows that the byps value of companies in cluster 1 is more stable when experiencing change compared to companies in cluster 2.

In the next experiment, as in Figures 6 and 7, it is known that the EPS owned by cluster 1 companies is greater than that of cluster 2. Based on these second results, it is known that companies in cluster 1 get more profit from each share than companies in cluster 2. This is also supported by average data from EPS, where in cluster 1 the average EPS value is stable and tends to increase and even in 2022 there will be a more significant increase, whereas in cluster 2 the average EPS value has experienced a significant change. Every year. This is also supported by average data from EPS, where in cluster 1 the average EPS value is stable and tends to increase and even in 2022 there will be a more significant increase, whereas in Cluster 2 the average EPS value has experienced a significant change. Every year.

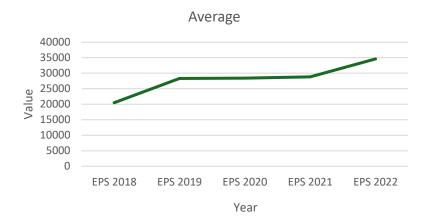


Figure 6. Average EPS cluster 1

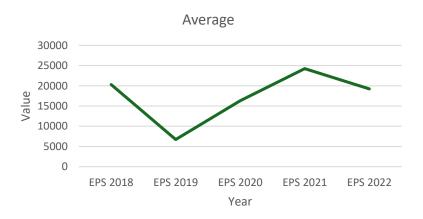


Figure 7. Average EPS cluster 2

In the next experiment, it is known in Figures 8 and 9 that changes in debt for cluster 1 companies have an average value of changes in debt that always increases compared to data from cluster 2 companies, where the average value of changes in debt tends to decrease. There is a result that is one of the differences that can be seen from the results of the data that has been carried out, namely that the average company profits in Figures 10 and 11 cluster 1 always increase, but the debt owned by cluster 1 companies also increases. Meanwhile, for cluster 2 companies, when relative profits decrease, this is accompanied by an increase in the value of debt. This shows that cluster 1 most likely consists of a group of mid-level companies that are still

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trying to develop their companies and are in the process of company expansion. This has risks if the company fails

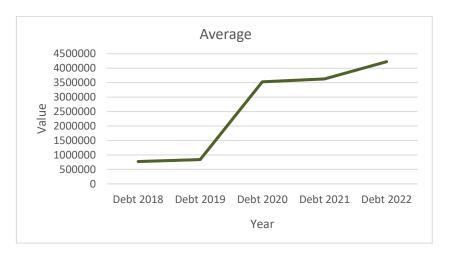


Figure 8. Average Debt cluster 1

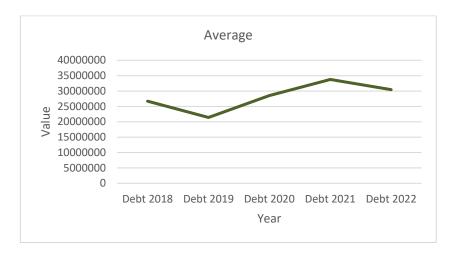


Figure 9. Average Debt cluster 2

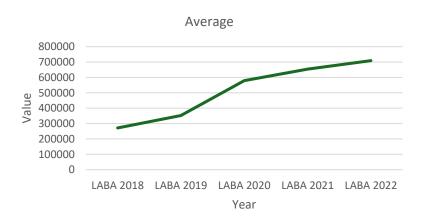


Figure 10. Average profit cluster 1

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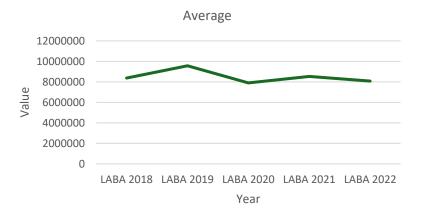


Figure 11. Average profit cluster 2

Meanwhile, cluster 2 companies are companies that have not expanded their company development and are more concerned with managing the condition of their own large companies. This shows that the company has experience and will be a challenge when conditions do not improve in the future. Meanwhile, an experiment was carried out regarding the percentage of profits on debt, where cluster 1 companies in Table 4 on average experienced very large ups and downs and also had large values. Meanwhile, cluster 2 companies in Table 5 have a relatively small average change with a lower percentage than cluster 1, but in Table 6 they experience relatively stable annual changes in their ability to pay debts using the profits obtained compared to Table 7. This of course affects the company's readiness to use profits to pay debts.

 Table 4. Average percentage of profit earned towards debts owned by cluster 1

 Average cluster 1
 2018
 2019
 2020
 2021
 2022

 53.08654
 120.1412
 30.61343
 62.15671
 47.33334

Table 6. Average percentage difference experienced by cluster 1

Average percentage difference experienced by cluster 1	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
	74.29378	-60.5282	31.54329	-14.8234

Table 7. Average percentage difference experienced by cluster 2

Average percentage difference experienced by cluster 1	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
	3.86709	-16.7247	-0.93723	8.983282

# 4. CONCLUSION

The results of this research showed that the clusters formed displayed varying patterns when data visualization was carried out. The results of this visualization can show the state of the company in each cluster. This will certainly help with the problem mentioned at the beginning, namely that many people do not understand how to determine whether a company is in good condition or not. It is hoped that when choosing when you want to invest in shares in a company, it will be easier to understand the condition of that company. With the conditions displayed based on research results, the condition of each cluster has positive and negative values so that in future determinations it is hoped that it can be adjusted to conditions that suit each investor, so that the investments made are not mistaken.

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